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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PURCHASE OF M60 TANKS

REF: USDAO VIENNA 261512Z MAY (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTS MOD STATEMENT THAT IT MUST COMMIT FUNDS
FOR M60 PURCHASE BY SEPT 30. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED BELOW
IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESENT LOA FOR THIS
CASE UNTIL LATE FEBRUARY 1979 IN THE ABSENCE OF EXTRA-
ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE.

2. CASE REQUIRES PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL (AS IN ALL SUCH
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CASES EXCEPT TO NATO, ANZUS COUNTRIES AND JAPAN) PRIOR TO
SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS AT LEAST 50 DAYS BEFORE LOA
SIGNATURE. FURTHER, NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR
HANDLING THIS \$39.8 MILLION CASE UNDER FY 78 WORLD-WIDE
CEILING ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS.

3. CASE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION

IN FY 79 CEILING MANAGEMENT PLAN. AS SUCH IT IS ONE OF
MANY FY 79 CASES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE
SUBMISSION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DECISION AND SUBSEQUENT
NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS. HOWEVER, SINCE CONGRESS NOT
EXPECTED TO BE IN SESSION THIS YEAR AFTER EARLY SEPTEMBER,
CASES WHICH PRESIDENT APPROVES WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS
IN EARLY 1979, MAKING LOAS AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE
IN LATE FEBRUARY AT BEST.

3. WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENTS ON HOW THIS MAY AFFECT
MOD PLANS.

4. DEFENSE CONCURS. CHRISTOPHER

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